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Enclosed herewith please find eight (8) sheets of formal drawings which are to be filed in the above-identified case pursuant to the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review dated January 8, 2004, and the Notice of Allowability mailed January 22, 2004. A copy of the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review is enclosed for ready review.

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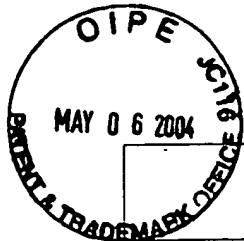
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